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Thirty-Ninth Annual Report

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD,

MASS.

NEW BEDFORD:

MERCURY PUBLISHING COMPANY, PRINTERS TO THE CITY.
1891.

Officers of the Free Public Library

FOR THE YEAR 1891.

TRUSTEES.

Ex-Officio. Terms expire January, 1892.

CHARLES S. ASHLEY, Mayor of the City.

JOSEPH DAWSON, President of the Common Council.

HENRY C. HATHAWAY, Chairman of the Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

Elected by the City Council.

ISAAC B. TOMPKINS, JR.,

Term expires April, 1891.

MATTHEW C. JULIEN,

Term expires April, 1891.

LEONARD B. ELLIS,

Term expires April, 1892.

ARTHUR G. GRINNELL,

Term expires April, 1892.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,

Term expires April, 1893.

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,

Term expires April, 1893.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

THE MAYOR.

CLERK.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

COMMITTEES.

On the Library—The Mayor, Messrs. Howland, Dawson, and Julien.

On the Building—Messrs. Tompkins, Hathaway, and Ellis.

On Binding and Blanks—Messrs. Dunbar and Grinnell.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

LIBRARIAN.

ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

WILLIAM L. R. GIFFORD.

ASSISTANTS.

JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK,

M. E. BROWN,

SUSIE H. GAMMONS.

JANITOR.

YORICK W. AMES.

REPORT.

To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:

GENTLEMEN,—The trustees of the Free Public Library, in making their report for the past year, may assume your knowledge of the continued prosperity of the library, in its main features. Each year, however, brings changes to which it is important that your attention should be drawn. The statistics of the library, which accompany this report, indicate some of these changes, and suggest what is needed for its future prosperity. There are, however, a few matters of such importance as to make it expedient to mention them specifically, so that whatever other needs may be temporarily neglected, these, at least, may receive your immediate attention.

Foremost among these necessities is that of placing incandescent lights throughout the old part of the library. The arc lights which were put there before the present arrangements of shelving were made are now altogether inadequate for the purpose of enabling the attendants to find the books required. The spaces between the shelves are thrown by these lights into very deep shadow. We feel it to be imperative that a change be made at once so that this great fault may be remedied. The incandescent lights should be extended from the new part of the building throughout the old part.

For some years past, we have felt the need of furnishing a finding-list of subjects, that would be of practical use to the public. The preparation of such a list involves

considerable time and labor, even under the most favorable attending circumstances. But we take this opportunity of announcing that the work has been begun and is now in progress.

During the past year, the privileges of the library have been extended to all residents of New Bedford who have reached the age of fourteen years, instead of sixteen, as formerly. This change was made particularly for the sake of those attending the schools of the city; and we have every reason to think that the new privilege is appreciated and improved. Of necessity, the general use of the library and the circulation of books have increased. The reading-room also is much more extensively used than formerly by all classes of readers. Frequently in the afternoon it is taxed to its fullest capacity.

In compliance with the request of a number of persons that the reading-room be opened on Sundays, the trustees decided to make the experiment. The first Sunday opening was October 5, 1890. The average attendance for the last three months of 1890 was 29. So far as this is any indication, we cannot say yet that we regard the experiment as a very successful one.

As in former reports, we still find it necessary to request on the part of the public greater care in the handling of books. Our books do not suffer as much as they once did from pencil marks; but they are often badly mutilated by reason of careless usage.

In conclusion, we would add that there is ground for congratulation in the fact of the continued and increasing prosperity of the library and of the constantly growing use which our people are making of its advantages.

APPENDIX.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR 1890.

Books and pamphlets purchased in 1890,	1,954
Volumes donated in 1890,	383
Pamphlets donated in 1890,	1,047
Newspapers now on file in the reading-room,	18
Volumes rebound and repaired,	658
" bound,	307
" worn out and rejected,	530
Notices sent for books overdue,	136
New cards issued,	1,007
Books taken from the library in 1890,	78,906
Increase in circulation over that of 1889,	3,581

The following table shows the attendance at the library on Sunday, since the rooms were first opened in October. The largest attendance was 51, Dec. 14; the smallest 18, Oct. 19; average attendance, 29.

Oct. 5.	30.
12.	30.
19.	18.
26.	22.
Nov. 2.	26.
9.	24.
16.	21.
23.	34.
30.	20.
Dec. 7.	40.
14.	51.
21.	26.
28.	36.

Average attendance, 29.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1890.

STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1890.

Jan. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$33.23	
	Paper stock,	2.14	
	Books lost and paid for,	1.75	
	42 fiction catalogues sold,	10.50	
	Bulletins sold,	.35	
	Fines during 1890,	168.95	\$216.92
	Paid for expressage, freight, and jobbing,	\$40.88	
	P. O. box and postage,	36.23	
	Books and papers,	4.05	
	Binding and paper cutting,	17.20	
	Stationery,	13.26	
	Services of extra janitor,	10.50	
	Incidentals,	48.21	
1891, Jan. 1.	Balance in hands of librarian,	46.59	\$216.92

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1890.	Bills approved January,	\$483.88	
	February,	473.89	
	March,	502.61	
	April,	475.81	
	May,	475.86	
	June,	522.87	
	July,	517.35	
	August,	500.02	
	September,	501.17	
	October,	482.04	
	November,	463.48	
	December,	474.25	\$5,873.23
1890, Jan. 1.	Annual appropriation,	\$5,800.00	
	Transfer,	73.23	\$5,873.23

TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1890.

Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$6,075.84	
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	88.53	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	7.84	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	222.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	350.37	
	George O. Crocker fund,	343.95	
	Dog fund,	173.82	\$7,263.25

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1890.

Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$6,075.84	
July 1.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00	
Dec. 31.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00	\$9,075.84

Bills approved for books, periodicals, and binding, viz.:

January audit,	\$429.88	
February,	311.59	
March,	229.78	
April,	338.40	
May,	261.08	
June,	202.65	
July,	222.94	
August,	251.71	
September,	198.74	
October,	894.60	
November,	606.13	
December,	657.99	\$4,605.49

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows:

Academy of Natural Sciences,	\$5.00
American Chemical Journal,	5.00
American Journal of Mathematics,	5.00
American Journal of Philology,	3.00
Annals of Hygiene,	6.00
Appleton, D., & Co.,	14.40
Babcock, Hope A.,	3.50
Bancroft-Whitney Co.,	24.00
Blanchard, F. S., & Co.,	5.00
Boston Public Library,	1.00
Boston Society of Natural History,	13.50
Brinton, D. G.,	3.00
British Record Society,	24.13
Bushell, W.,	10.79
Cadby, J. H. W.,	7.06
Clarke, W. B., & Co.,	140.93
Coöperative Newspaper Co.,	2.50
Crouse, F. M.,	6.75
Cushing, Wm.,	10.00
Davis, C. H. S.,	1.42
Davis, W. T.,	1.66
Dedham Historical Register,	1.00

Dews, Edwin,	\$487.74
Egypt Exploration Fund,	6.25
Electrical World,	5.25
Ellis, G. H.,	2.00
Ellis, L. B.,	4.50
Essex Institute,	9.00
Fords, Howard & Hulbert,	5.00
Francis, D. G.,	28.43
Franklin Institute,	5.00
Garden & Forest Pub. Co.,	18.00
Haferkorn, H. E.,	.89
Harper, F. P.,	5.60
Harvard Monthly,	2.00
Hathaway, J. H., City Treasurer,	144.90
Heise & Haferkorn,	4.76
Hieckox, J. H.,	5.00
Houghton, Milfin & Co.,	40.50
Hutchinson, H. S., & Co.,	498.55
Inman, H. S.,	60.00
Johns Hopkins Press,	1.00
Kane, D. J., & Bro.,	94.40
Lawrence, L. L., Treas.,	31.47
Lee, C. C.,	3.25
Lewis, J. W., & Co.,	3.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	882.04
Littlefield, G. E.,	223.95
McCook, H. C.,	20.00
Mass. Historical Society,	3.00
Mercury Pub. Co.,	12.00
Munn & Co.,	6.80
Munsell's Sons,	5.00
Nash, E. W.,	27.45
National Pub. and Printing Co.,	1.55
New England Pub. Co.,	2.50
Noyes, H. D., & Co.,	3.50
Oliver Ditson Co.,	16.70
Pairpoint, A. J.,	1.00
Peet, S. D.,	4.00
Phillips, G. R.,	3.00
Pierce, F. C.,	5.00
Polk, R. L., & Co.,	5.00
Poor, H. V. & H. W.,	6.00
Pratt, A. E.,	1.10
Publishers' Weekly, R. R. Bowker,	23.00
Rand, J. C.,	5.00
Redpath, J. V.,	8.00

Rider, S. S.,	\$5.00	
Roffe, A. H., & Co.,	236.45	
Sampson, Murdock & Co.,	10.00	
Schoenhof, C.	83.80	
Scribner's Sons,	144.00	
Smith, J. S., & Co.,	2.00	
Soldiers' and Sailors' Historical Society,	1.60	
Spalding, H. B.,	30.00	
Studies in Historical and Political Science,	7.00	
Taber, R. W.,	751.85	
Taylor, T. J.,	2.30	
Thorup, W. M.,	7.50	
Tilley, R. H.,	1.00	
Topham, W. B.,	1.00	
U. S. Patent Office,	62.40	
Wiley, J., & Sons,	16.80	
Yorston Bros.,	205.75	
Zahm, S. H., & Co.,	14.82	\$4,605.49

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., FUND.

1890.		
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$88.53
	One year's interest,	96.00
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		\$184.53
	H. S. Inman,	50.00
		\$134.53

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1890.		
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$7.84
	One year's interest,	60.00
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		\$67.84

OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1890.		
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$222.90
	One year's interest,	60.00
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		\$282.90
	Academy of Nat. Sciences,	\$40.00
	American Polytechnic Co.,	50.00
		90.00
		\$192.90

GEORGE O. CROCKER FUND.

1890.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$343.95		
	One year's interest,	400.00		
			\$743.95	
	W. M. Belcher & Co.,	\$160.00		
	Library Bureau,	71.00	231.00	\$512.95

JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1890.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$350.37		
	One year's interest,	30.00		\$380.37

DOG FUND.

1890.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$173.82		
Feb.	Received from County Treasurer,	1,268.55		
			\$1,442.37	
	Y. W. Ames,	\$566.00		
	D. J. McAuliffe,	26.00		
	L. M. Gammons,	19.50		
	Briggs & Lawrence,	29.00		
	W. L. R. Gifford,	32.00		
	E. Anthony & Sons,	44.38		
	Mercury Pub. Co.,	20.46		
	H. S. Hutchinson & Co.,	5.00		
	J. T. Almy,	49.00		
	L. B. Ellis,	8.66		
	A. P. Pope,	11.47	811.47	\$630.90

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees:

1891.				
Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$4,470.35		
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	134.53		
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	67.84		
	Oliver Crocker fund,	192.90		
	George O. Crocker fund,	512.95		
	James B. Congdon fund,	380.37		
	Dog fund,	630.90	\$6,389.84	

GEORGE H. DUNBAR, Clerk.

GIFTS, 1891.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Amer. Unitarian Association,	3	1
Ames, John G., Washington, D. C.,		1
Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.,		3
Anthony, E., & Sons,		106
Apprentices Library Co., Phila.,		1
Arber, E., London,	1	
Astor Library, New York,		1
Bancroft-Whitney Co., San Francisco, Cal.,	1	
Bell, W. S., San Francisco,	1	
Biolley, Paul,	2	
Boston & Maine Rail Road,	2	
Boston Public Library,		2
Bourne, George A.,	1	
Bridgeport Public Library, Conn.,		2
Bristol Co. Agric. Society, Taunton,		1
Brock, J. C.,		1
Brookline Public Library,		1
Brooklyn Library,		2
Brown, Jos. M., Atlanta, Ga.,		1
Brownell, T. F., New York City,		6
Buckminster, Joseph,	4	
Buffalo Library, Buffalo, N. Y.,		1
Butler Hospital for the Insane, Providence,		1
Chase, Warren E.,	8 nos.	
Chicago Public Library,		12
Choate, John C., Essex, Mass.,		1
Cincinnati Public Library,		6
Citizens Association of Boston, 89 State street,		2
City of New Bedford,		4
City of Boston,	2	1
Clarke Inst. for Deaf Mutes, Northampton, Mass.,		1
Cleveland Public Library,		1
Clifford, Walter,		5
Coggeshall, R. C. P., Framed lithograph.		
Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara, N. Y., H. E. Gregory, Sec., 214 Broadway, N. Y.,		1

Commonwealth of Mass., Secretary of Commonwealth, Boston,		2
Cooke, J. P., Boston,		1
Cooper Union, New York,		1
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.,		1
Crapo, William W.,	13	
Cunningham, H. W., 31 St. James avenue, Boston, . .		2
Cutter, Abraham E., 41 Monument square, Boston, .		1
Cutter, C. A., Boston,		1
Davenport, Cyrus B., Brooklyn,		1
Delano, Joseph C., Heirs of,	38	
Denison Board of Trade, Denison, Texas,		1
Dennison, T. R.,		1
Dep't of Public Parks, New York,		1
Detroit Public Library,		1
Dexter, Franklin B., New Haven,	1	1
Egypt Exploration Fund, Rev. W. C. Winslow, 525 Beacon street, Boston,		1
Ellis, G. A., 90 Chancery Lane, London, W. C., . . .	1	
Emery, Edwin,		1
Emery, William M.,		1
Engineering News Pub. Co., New York,	1	
Fall River Public Library,		1
Farrington, William H., 23 Murray street, New York,	34	67
Fearing, A. C., Jr., 13 Doane street, Boston,	2	
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.,		1
Franklin Institute, Phila.,		1
Friends Free Library, Germantown, Pa.,		1
Gifford, W. L. R., Papers.		1
Grand Rapids (Mich.) Board of Trade,		1
Green, Samuel A., Boston,	15	357
Griffis, William E., Boston, 638 Tremont street, . . .	1	
Hallowell, R. P.,		2
Hartford Library Association,		6
Hartford Theological Seminary,		3
Harvard University, Cambridge,	1	4
Haskell, S. B., Portland, Maine,		11
Hawes, A. C.,		1
Historical Society of Penn.,	1	
Hopedale Public Library,		1
Howland, Geo., Jr.,		83
Howland, Mrs. Rachel S.,	5	
Huddleston, J. H., Boston, 1451 Tremont street, . .		3
Ingersoll, Edward, Philadelphia, 208 South 5th street,	1	
Jenney, Charles F., Hyde Park, Mass.,	2	30

Johns Hopkins University,		2
Kempton, David B.,		2
Lacey, E. S., Washington, D. C.,	1	
Lancaster Library, Lancaster, Mass.,		1
Lang, Henry R.,		1
Larremore, Wilbur, 32 Nassau street, N. Y.,	1	
Lawrence Public Library,		4
Lawton, William C., Cambridge,		1
Lee, Leslie A., Brunswick, Me.,		1
Leigh, C. C., 4 Willow street, Brooklyn, N. Y.,		1
Lenox Library, N. Y.,		1
Library Bureau, Boston,	1	1
Littlefield, G. E., Cornhill, Boston,		1
Los Angeles Public Library,		1
Lynn Public Library,		1
McCollin, T. H., & Co., Phila.,	4	
McKnight, David A., New York,	1	
McLaughlin, J. W., Austin, Texas,		1
McLean, George P., Simsbury, Conn.,		1
Maimonides Library, New York,		1
Mass. Civil Service Commissioners, Boston,		1
Massachusetts Club, Boston,		1
Mass. Society of the Cincinnati, 50 State st., Boston,	1	
Mercantile Library Association, New York,		2
Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco,		1
Merrill, Edward B., New York City,	23	88
Minneapolis Industrial Exposition, W. M. Regan, Sec.		2
Minneapolis Public Library,		7
Monroe, F. S.,	3	
Newberry Library, Chicago,		1
New Haven Free Pub. Library,		2
New Jersey State Library, Newark, N. J.,		1
Newton Free Library,		1
New York Free Circulating Library,		1
N. Y. Tribune Assoc.,		3
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,		2
O'Hanlon, <i>Very Rev.</i> John, Dublin,	1	
Ohio Meteorological Bureau, Columbus, Ohio,		8
Old Colony Historical Society,		3
Parker, Wm. C.,		2
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.,		2
Peoria Public Library,		1
Perkins Institute for the Blind, Boston,		1
Philadelphia Library Co.,		1
Portland Public Library,		2
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn,		1

Prescott, Mrs. Helen H.,	12	1
Providence Public Library,		1
Randall, Chas. S.,	25	
Raymond, E. P.,	9	
Redwood Library, Newport, R. I.,		1
Reuben Hoar Library, Littleton, Mass.,	1	
Rodman, Edmund,		1
Rodman, Thos. R.,	1	11
Romero, <i>Señor</i> Don Matias, Washington, D. C.,		1
Rosse, Irving C., Washington, D. C.,		1
Royal Society of Canada,	1	
Rusk, J. M., Washington, D. C.,	1	1
Russell, Martha,	8	1
St. Louis Public Library,		1
St. Mary's Hospital Medical School London,		1
Salem Public Library,		4
San Francisco Free Public Library,		1
Smithsonian Inst., Washington, D. C.,	8	6
Southern Pacific R. R. Co.,		1
Springfield City Library,		12
Stoddard, Lyman H.,	3	
Swain Free School,		1
Taunton Public Library,		1
Thompson, Jas. D.,	3	
Toledo Public Library,		1
Tucker, Geo. F.,	2	
Tyler, Chas. E.,	1	4
University of California, Berkeley, Cal.,		1
United States:		
— Agricultural Department,		12
— Bureau of Education,	1	9
— Coast Survey,		5
— Interior Dept.,	93	
— Navy Dept.,		1
— State Dept.,	2	20
— Treasury Dept.,	3	1
— War Dept.,	6	
United States Hotel, Boston,		3
Veazey, Wheelock G., Washington, D. C.,	1	
Ver-Planck, Mrs. J. C., Wayne P. O., Del. Co., Pa.,	1	
Washburn, Wm. T.,	1	
Washingtonian Home, Boston,		1
Waterhouse, Sylvester, St. Louis, Mo.,		8
Waterhouse Public Library,		1
Wiley, H.,	8	4
Williams, Henry M., Boston, 39 Court st.,		2

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Wilmington Institute, Wilmington, Del.,		1
Woburn Public Library,		1
Woodruff, Wilford, Salt Lake City,	1	
Worcester Public Library,	1	1
Yale University, New Haven, Conn.,		3

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

May 28, 1891.

Received, ordered printed in the City Documents, and
sent down for concurrence.

D. B. LEONARD,
City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL,

May 28, 1891.

Concurred.

WM. A. MACKIE,
Clerk.